

Lights of New York

THIS & THAT: That idol of the jitterbugs, Artie Shaw, will have to be taught to lead a girl around the dance floor in his new MGM film, "Dancing Co-Eds." . . . Incidentally, Shaw's newest recording, "Octoroon," will top the "Begin the Beguine" sales, according to those who should know . . . Gray-haired "Binnie," wardrobe mistress and general counsel to the lovelies at the Paradise, once helped Lillion Russell dress for her performances . . . and Eddie Breakstone, doorman at the Paradise, played third base for Commerce high school when Lou Gehrig was a member of the team . . . Both went to Chicago for the National schoolboy finals . . . Needless to say Breakstone is a Yankee fan . . . Johnny Mercer's smash, "You Grow Sweeter as the Years Roll By," was written several years ago and turned down by various publishers . . . When the demand for his compositions grew, Mercer dusted off the ditty and sold it.

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